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SUBJECT: SYG SPEECH TO UNGA SPECIAL SESSION

1. SYG: WALDHEIM'S REMARKS TO OPENING OF UNGA SPECIAL SESSION CONVEYED A SENSE OF URGENCY THAT THE PROBLEMS CONFRONTING THE WORLD ECONOMY BE DEALT WITH FRUITFULLY BY THIS MEETING. AFTER CITING THE GROWING INTERDEPENDENCE OF THE WORLD ECONOMY, HE SAID THAT THE CHALLENGE LIES IN MAKING THIS INTERDEPENDENCE A POSITIVE RATHER THAN A NEGATIVE FORCE.

2. HE SUGGESTED SIX ISSUES THAT HE BELIEVES REQUIRE IMMEDIATE ACTION: 1) THE GROWTH OF MASS POVERTY MUST BE HALTED AND REVERSED; 2) POPULATION GROWTH MUST BE BROUGHT IN LINE WITH AVAILABILITY OF RESOURCES; 3) FOOD PRODUCTION MUST BE INCREASED AND NECESSARY RESERVES OF FOODSTUFFS CREATED; 4) ENERGY-ITS RELATIONSHIP TO FERTILIZER AND FOOD PRODUCTION MAKE THIS COMMODITY OF PRIME SIGNIFICANCE AND ITS WASTE MUST BE ELIMINATED; 5) SUBSTANTIAL DISARMAMENT IS NEEDED TO REDUCE MILITARY EXPENDITURE; AND 6) THE MONETARY SYSTEM MUST BE CURED OF THE DISEASE OF INFLATION.

3. WALDHEIM WAS CAREFUL TO REMIND THE DELEGATES OF WHAT

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CANNOT BE DONE IN THE UN--"THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CAN DELINEATE

THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF A GLOBAL APPROACH. IT CAN SET PRINCIPLES
AND GUIDELINES. IT CAN BEGIN TO FORMULATE A PLAN OF ACTION.
IT CAN DEFINE SHORT-TERM EMERGENCY MEASURES TO ASSIST THOSE
MEMBERS OF THE WORLD COMMUNITY WHICH ARE ESPECIALLY HARD
HIT BY THE PRESENT SITUATION. IT MUST BE REMEMBERED, HOWEVER,
THAT, WHATEVER CAN BE AGREED ON HERE, MOST OF THE NECESSARY EXECUTIVE

DECISIONS WILL BE LARGELY A MATTER FOR GOVERNMENTS, OR
IN SOME CASES FOR MORE SPECIALIZED INTERNATIONAL
BODIES. ONLY THROUGH THEIR ACTIONS CAN THIS ASSEMBLY'S DECISIONS
BE TRANSLATED INTO EFFECTIVE REALITY".
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